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LaSalle University
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

NOTICE OF UNLICENSED OPERATION

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The Philadelphia Office received information that an unlicensed broadcast radio station on 1600 kHz was allegedly operating in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. On May 15, 2008, agents from this office confirmed by direction finding techniques that radio signals on frequency 1600 kHz were emanating from LaSalle University located at 1900 West Olney Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19141. The Commission's records show that no license was issued for operation of a broadcast station on 1600 kHz at this location in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Radio stations must be licensed by the FCC pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 301. The only exception to this licensing requirement is for certain transmitters using or operating at a power level or mode of operation that complies with the standards established in Part 15 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 15.1 *et seq.* The field strength of the signal on frequency 1600 kHz was measured at 2,440 microvolts per meter ($\mu\text{V/m}$) at 278 meters, which exceeded the maximum permitted level of 15 $\mu\text{V/m}$ at 30 meters for non-licensed devices set out in Section 15.209 of the Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 15.209. Further, the station's operation did not comply with the alternative operating requirements for stations operating in the band 510-1705 kHz that are set out in Section 15.219 of the Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 15.219. Specifically, the agents observed the total length of the transmission line and antenna exceeds 3 meters. Thus, this station is operating in violation of 47 C.F.R. § Section 301.

You are hereby warned that operation of radio transmitting equipment without a valid radio station authorization constitutes a violation of the Federal laws cited above and could subject the operator to severe penalties, including, but not limited to, substantial monetary fines, *in rem* arrest action against the offending radio equipment, and criminal sanctions including imprisonment. (*see* 47 U.S.C. §§ 401, 501, 503 and 510).

UNLICENSED OPERATION OF THIS RADIO STATION MUST BE DISCONTINUED IMMEDIATELY.

You have ten (10) days from the date of this notice to respond with any evidence that you have authority to operate granted by the FCC. Your response should be sent to the address in the letterhead and reference the listed case and document number. Under the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(e)(3), we are informing you that the Commission's staff will use all relevant material information before it to determine what, if any, enforcement action is required to ensure your compliance with FCC Rules. This will include any information that you disclose in your reply.

You may contact this office if you have any questions.

Gene Stanbro
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Philadelphia Office

Attachments:

Excerpts from the Communications Act of 1934, As Amended
Enforcement Bureau, "Inspection Fact Sheet", July 2003